## In the Circuit Court for Lawrence County, Alabama Thirty-Sixth Judicial Circuit State of Alabama

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7.1 REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ENTERED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA And ORDERS ISSUED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, this Court entered an administrative order, on August 3, 2020, "ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7 REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ENTERED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA and ORDERS ISSUED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSION" (ADMIN Order 7); and

WHEREAS, since the entry of ADMIN Order 7, this Court has become aware of a requirement for all 200,000+ students attending or intending to attend a post-high school, college, university or higher education institution, this Fall 2020 must be tested for the presence of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, ADMIN Order 7, under its definition of the conditions or circumstances that would disallow entrance into a court facility ("disqualifying condition or circumstance"), would not allow entrance into the court facility for anyone waiting the results of a COVID-19 test (and for anyone in the households of such individuals or anyone who had close contact with any such individuals), intending that this would apply only for those waiting on the results of a COVID-19 who were required to be tested because of the presence of symptoms, of possible exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or of the requirements of a medical professional;

NOW, BE IT ORDERED that, until further order of this Court, as follows:

ADMIN Order 7 is amended to clarify that all references in the definition of disqualifying condition or circumstance to persons waiting on or awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test refers only to individuals who are required to be tested (1) because of the presence of COVID-19 symptoms; (2) because of possible exposure to someone diagnosed with or possessing symptoms of COVID-19; or (3) because of the specific requirements or advice of a medical professional. Such references do not include persons awaiting test results for the presence of COVID-

19 solely because of the requirements of the GuideSafe<sup>TM</sup> Entry Testing applicable to students attending or intending on attending a two-year or four-year institution of higher learning located in the State of Alabama, or any similar programs applicable to college or K-12 students. Further, such references do not include persons awaiting test results for the presence of COVID-19 where the testing is required solely because the person is included in a large group or classification of persons who are required to be tested in order to participate in some activity, employment or educational pursuit, including possible required testing of students to participate in sports or extracurricular activities.

Unless modified by the above, all other provisions of ADMIN Order 7 and this Court's June 2, 2020, "ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6 REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ENTERED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA and ORDERS ISSUED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSION," remain in full force and effect.

It is ORDERED that the Circuit Clerk shall spread this Order upon the minutes of the Court, provide the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts with a copy of this Order which Office will in turn send a copy to the Alabama State Bar Association, post a copy on the Lawrence County Circuit Court Clerk's official website, otherwise cause a copy of this Order to be specifically filed of record in each matter in which the referenced video or audio conference procedures are employed to conduct any proceedings, and serve a copy of this Order upon the Sheriff of Lawrence County, Alabama, upon the local office of the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles, upon the District Attorney of the Thirty-Sixth Judicial Circuit, and upon the Court Referee of this Circuit.

DONE AND ORDERED, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2020,

Presiding Circuit Judge 36<sup>th</sup> Judicial

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